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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN STUDENTS IN JAPAN

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SUMMARY: GOJ ANNOUNCED MEASURED MAY 7 TO ASSIST VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN PRIVATE JAPANESE INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE NOW CUT FROM FUNDS FROM HOME. GOJ WILL PERMIT STUDENTS TO STAY ON TO COMPLETE STUDIES BUT PRESSURE IS INCREASING FOR SIZEABLE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE TO LEAVE JAPAN WHEN STUDIES ARE COMPLETED. END SUMMARY.

1. GOJ (EDUCATION, JUSTICE, AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES) ANNOUNCED POLICIES TO HELP VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN STUDENTS IN JAPAN. SERIOUS CONCERN BY VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR STATUS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION LED EDUCATION MINISTRY TO INSTRUCT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THROUGHOUT JAPAN TO EXTEND "PROPER AID" TO STUDENTS. (MINISTRY'S RECORDS INDICATE 729 VN STUDENTS, OF WHOM 668 AT PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND 61 ON GOJ SCHOLARSHIPS: 23 CAMBODIANS, OF WHOM 8 IN PRIVATE AND 15 AT GOJ FINANCED
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INSTITUTIONS). STUDENTS ON GOJ SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT

ENDANGERED FINANCIALLY BUT OTHERS GENERALLY ARE.

2. GOJ ALSO DECIDED PASSPORTS FROM TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE VALID UNTIL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GRUNK AND PRG ARE ACTIVATED, AT SUCH TIME OTHER MEASURES WILL BE CONSIDERED. WE ASSUME THIS COULD INCLUDE GIVING STUDENTS SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS HAS BEEN GIVEN PREVIOUSLY TO ANTI-THIEU STUDENTS (BEIHEITO), ALLOWING THEM TO REMAIN.) AFTER GRADUATION, EDUCATION MINISTRY SAID GOJ WOULD CONSIDER ALLOWING STUDENTS TO STAY IN JAPAN ON "CASE BY CASE" BASIS.

3. DURING MAY 3 DISCUSSION WITH GVN EMBASSY (TUAN) ON STATUS OF VIETNAMESE IN JAPAN, FONOFF FIRST SE ASIS DIVDIR HANABUSA TOLD TUAN (WHO TOLD US) HE WAS "AFRAID" THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY GRADUATED WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN SINCE THEY WERE "NEEDED BY THEIR COUNTRY". TUAN ESTIMATED THAT 200-300 VN STUDENTS MIGHT FALL IN THIS CATEGORY TUAN TOLD US FRENCH EMBASSY IS GENEROUSLY ISSUING VISAS TO STUDENTS WITH THREE-MONTH VALIDITY AND INDICATION THAT STATUS CAN BE ADJUSTED IN FRANCE. KHMER EMBASSY MINISTER SUM MANIT TOLD US LAST WEEK THAT GOJ WOULD TREAT STUDENTS LENIENTLY AND WAS CONSIDERING SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION POSSIBILITIES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE GOJ MAY TRY TO CREATE SOME PRESSURE ON STUDENTS TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS TO LEAVE JAPAN AFTER GRADUATION, WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THEY WOULD DEPORT STUDENTS TO VN. NEVERTHELESS, AS INDICATED IN REF B AND BECAUSE OF TOKYO'S RECOGNITION OF PRG MAY 7, NUMBERS WHO WANT TO GO TO US WILL INCREASE.
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